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In Re: I-Sing Roger Niu et al.  
Case: P4509C1  
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Subject: Method and Apparatus for Improving Data Transmission in Router Fabric Cards through Pseudo-Synchronous Data Switching

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir,

**In the specification:**

Please add a section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Documents" beginning at line 8 as follows:

The present application is a continuation application of co-pending patent application serial number 09/872,080 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Improving Data Transmission in Router Fabric Cards through Pseudo-Synchronous Data Switching," filed 06/01/2001, which is incorporated in its entirety by reference.

If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present application and amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

Respectfully submitted,  
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